



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1913

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center for use as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 8, 2006*

S.1913 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to lease space in the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center from the Porter County Convention, Recreation, and Visitor Commission. Under the bill, the leased space would be used for a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend about \$1.2 million to develop the leasehold, including construction of a bookshop and theater. We expect that operating the new facilities would have no significant impact on the annual costs of administering the National Lakeshore.

Other provisions of S. 1913, which would update boundary maps of National Park System units and make other technical amendments to park laws, would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting S. 1913 would not affect direct spending or revenues .

S. 1913 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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